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All this invaluable material was in Publisher Warren's big surfcaselike briefcase and we both had nitemares of it, like the Creature from the Black Lagoon, winding up in a watery grave. Like at the bottom

I am relieved to be able to report "The Return of the Thief of Dad's Bag," The bristcase and all its procious contents were anonymously returned in the mail, From a YMCA, of all places. Seems like it couldn't have been the YMCA, must have been the Young Monsters' Creature

This years in the You Aired For it dept, we are thus abla to show you the robot photo originally scheduled to accompany the automaton

I've some terrific material lined up for future issues. Part 2 of Rebert Bloch's CLDWN AT MIDNIGHT . . an Interview with George Pal . . . the Gienn Strange Story . . a fabulous make-up feature on RORIS KARLOFF . DANTE'S INFERNO (darker than inside Barkast Acula) . . . a great new department of caricatures of Monster Club Members drawn by artist Jiro Tomijama . . and crackeriack contributions by RAY BRADBURY, Giovanni Scognamillo, Fritz Leiber, Jim Harmon -names & talents you will not find in other monster magazines.













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KILLER SMOG will be the mist-erious murdeer in a horrer film about a Fog Head regustered for production by Alex Gordon. THE HAUVING is scheduled as Susan Hayward's next picture. This is not to be confused with 'THE HAUVINED VILLAGE, which is based on the short novel by the late Howard Phillips Lovecraft, "The Case of Charles Dexter Ward", and is planned as a whick for Vincent Price.

Edgar Allan Poe's PREMATURE BUR-IAL, will bring Ray Milland back to the screen after a 4 year absence. Could be he'll be another Vincent Price. Soon there'll be nothing left by Poe to picturize—then it'll be the turn of Bradbury, Lovecraft, Bloch.

# "x" spots the

# mark

Mare Anthony Russell, pre-teen monster fan, is very proud that his pop, author of film MR. SARDONICUS, has scripted a science-thriller about a dangerous man with x-ray vision. It's called simply—X. Ray Russell has also written an original horror

screenplay, MR. SAGITTARIUS.
There's a giant bee in Ray Harryhausen's
next SuperDynamation adventure.

next SuperDynamation adventure.

People drop dead in Wm. Castle's next production when the picture's leading character points his finger at them and says 200721

### with his eyes wide open

It has been mis-reported elsewhere that an HGWeils' novel will be filmed called WHEN THE SLEEPER WALKS. Somebody was dreaming, for, no sleepwalker he, the futuristic extravaganza (scripted by Ray Russell) will be WHEN THE SLEEP-LEW WAKES.

ER WAKES.

Apeman Tarzan is keeping his eyes open for a new adventure location. So far it looks

for a new adventure location. So far it looks like India.

Apparently in addition to eyes, ears, nose & throat, 3 other senses will be open in Leo

A Grecian novel of witchcraft by Robt. Graves has been announced for filming.

#### another frankenstein!

From South of the Border comes a new film about that boarder that everyone fears to have as a house guest: Mary Shelley's monster! This time the tale's called OR. LAK, THE HELL OF FRANKENSTEIN, and the mad doctor makes a radio-outrolled creation out of corpses. There's a frightening scene when Orlak, the nombus, gets too close to a fire and his face begins got too close to a fire and his face begins got too close to a fire and his face begins



"It's sure tough to get on efficient house-cleaver these days!" thinks Viscent Price ofter maving into THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL.

THE WEREWOLF of Columbia Studios! Mon with the





Speaking of fires, the staff of FAMOUS ences to George Pal on the loss of his home and possessions in the recent great fanashes in the flames were a script of Philip Wylie's THE DISAPPEARANCE and Geo. Finney's CIRCUS OF DR. LAO. known as THE SECRET WORLD OF DR.

# watch for the trailers

Among thrillers expected for the New

THE BIRDS (an Alfred Hitchcock

3 DAY MAGIC (Bert I. Gordon's next) Fritz Leiber's CONJURE WIFE (or it may be released as BURN, WITCH,

THE MIND THING (John Payne's

Poe's MASK OF THE RED DEATH THE MERRY-GO-ROUND (story by BRADBURY, script by Bloch) BEAUTY AND THE BEAST and

LORD OF THE FLIES . . . CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI . . . PHANTOM OF

TRIFFIDS . . . FOOD OF THE GODS . . . OLD DARK HOUSE . . JOURNEY TO THE 7th PLANET . . . METROPO-LIS (an Atlantean film from Italy) . . RARTH (Italian) . . . and. from Japan-

THE LAST WAR



# clown at midnite

#4 in Our Serious Series on Imaginative Movies



HORROR IS MY BUSINESS.

The insurance agent peddles

protection & security—I self terror & drad. The doctor guards your heart; I devote my professional skill to inducing failure in same. Some people live by their cotts; I live by scaring you out of yours.

For the past 27 years I've been a

professional writer of horror fiction for magazines, books, radio and TV shows. And when I'm not creating nightmares of my own, I spend my spare time investigating the nightmares of other people-manuely the so-called "borror" movies being joisted off on the public

It used to be, hack in the bad old depression days when apples were sold on streetorners and cars had rumble seats, that the borror film was practically an art-form as a Ban-bag damond as his at the bos-officewith more Tender Loving Care than Prex. Kennedy gets at Walter Reed Hospital, and lengingative producers never forgot for a moment that the viewer had in magina-

two or for morse

the folklore of the land as changing, Just as Halloween, with its phost & gollins, has been transformed into a sub-teen Thanksgoing with Thickno-Treats replacing the turkey, so has the horror movie suffered a soschange into something strictly for laffs, with genuine grue & imagination being replaced by a vot of ketchup and a false face that wouldn't frighten a timid two-year-old. The shudder seakseen have sodd out and

the average horror flick nowadays evokes more gaiety than goose-pimples.





Belo Lugosi in MARK OF THE VAMPIRE, the 1953 MGM production based on a collaboration by Guy Endors and directed by Tod Browning. Browning directed DRACULA and Endore wrote "The Warewell of Peris" bosis of the recent CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF. Cerel of fotos submitted by "vompire wemen" competing for the role, because of her mysterious non-reflective eves which last themselves to a phasehorascent affect in the dark.



But it boots no good to shed melancholy tears over the fright films of our youth that populated our dark and lonely bedrooms with images of Frankenstein's Monster and the Mummy gibbering just beyond the counterpane. It's more instructive, perhaps, to look into the reasons why the morbid has been changed into the unintentionally Much as we dislike to consider it, one

answer keeps cropping up: Hollywood no

# What's More Horrifying Than the Headlines

We could get philosophical at this point and wonder if it's really that simple or if it's just that people can't be horrified anymore. A casual glance at any paper will prove that the monsters currently roaming a city's streets after dark are far more horrible, in one sense, than anything Hollywood has yet dreamed up. And it was not too long ago that human beings were eliminsted by the carload lots in the gas chamhers of Belsen & Dachau-certainly the goes. In addition, everybody reading this is probably painfully aware (the none of us like to think about it) that all somebody has to do is push the wrong button and hall of humanity will go up in smoke & radio-But all of this-while certainly horrible

Horror is something peculiar to the indi-

#### Horror is-

adult's!) fear of the dark . . . and most per-

-the fear of a human being who doesn't act, think or look like a human being -the fear of deformity

-and even (far more nathetically) the foar of a cerebral palsy victim, (There, but for the grace of God . . .) It's the fear of spiders & snakes and the

pale horrors you find under rocks in the . . . the unexpected . . . the not-quite-seen.



# The Height of Horror

When I was an 8-year-old I saw Lun Chaney in THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA—and gazed upon the face of naked fear. A couple of years ago I attended a revival of the same film. And despite the flickering flavay of this dated melodram, the scene where Chaney is unmasked exerted the same monstrass mayie upon a modern

Since the 1925 version of THE PHAN-TOM, Hollywood has arrayed itself in noseputry & fright-wig hundreds of times. And yet only a score of genuinely shivery efforts have actually emerged from the studies (and practically none since World War II). FRANKENSTEIN, a MILMAY and a WOLF MAN, and one a fee fairly respectable sequels. And then some gillowheed decided that since it was such a thin face that the second of th

The most mosstrous electrical device over created for the screen, seen at the climax of the German scientifilm GOLD (1934) and later (1953) incorporated in the stemic thriller of implosion. THE MAG-





If must have been a pit something like this, sety with a web end a glost spider in it, that the unfortwards mee fell into whoe KING KONG shooth them off the free trash. Your editor has the vaguest memory of many years ago caresposeding with suncere in, or tablists to semese from, the Philippia Islands, who said they had seen the coasoned spider-pit scene there. So for at is known it has ever been shown in the USA.

## The Bad Bugs from Empty Space

Things began emerging from Outer Spire or the equally empty, regions between i producer's ears. The screens of the nation were invaded by a horde of Giant Cock roaches & Giant Bedbugs (all of which warmed the hearts of the pest-externistors at the same time they cooled the ardo

That these not-so-Grand Gugmol efforts make money is underiable. Vast audiences still watch the tired old travesties on television and turn out for each new double feature. But if producers believe these films show a profit because this is what the public really wants, let's face it—audiences lap up their pictures only because nothing better is available.

# Meaning of Fear Forgotten

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have said "One death is a tracedy: a mil-

of true horror in a film is the sight of one thru the mud in an old movie called

size of the canvas upon which the horror film producers can paint. The censors who



when walls of fire toppled upon helpless women and is content to merely trample them to death.

### The Horrors of Censorship

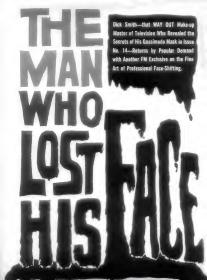
of horror films and see what the censors

it is hardly probable that an audience can Continued on page 26



Boris Korloff, unjustly electrecuted, lives egain in THE WALKING DEAD (1936).





ne of the last stories in Roald Dahl's recent television series of shockers was called Soft Focus and it presented more of a make-up challenge to me than the previous Face in the Mir-

Problem: how do you erase half a face?!

In the story, a photographer discovers a rethat when he retouches a foto of one of his there-it has the identical effect in real life: the

#### the retoucher's revenge

The photographer is enraged when he discovother men. She taunts him till his emotions are

under the eyes, . . . Pouches. . . .

The cheeks, puffy. . . . The chin, sagging.

All this on her foto only, but, due to the disbolical power of the retouching fluid, each change is reflected in the wife's own face.

#### unconscious horror

The wife has been plotting with the photographer's assistant to rob her own husband's safe does not realize while she is on her way to her rendezvous with robbery is that her face is becoming-rubbery! She leaves home a beautiful woman, her good looks gradually disintegrating

Like THE LEECH WOMAN.

To her horror her accomplice does not recognize her when he answers the door; and, when be finally does realize it is she, he rejects her



As First Step is Cheffengleg Make-up Job, Life Mask of Marsa was made in plaster. Nete oase fotteend by tape to puallistic propertiess.

Second Face is constructed over first, campletely buryles ness. Actor's real eye would have been too deep so a alass ave was substituted.





Clay Model completed. The Frankenstein-like "electrodes" are an illusion, are actually a pipe acting as a beckrest to support the mash.



Helf of cley removed by Dich Smith to reveel to FM reeders have far the mosh hed to be built out. Actor couldn't see, had to breathe thru mouth.

# the fluid drive

The power of bis wonder liquid as driving the husband to the brink of madness. Still, crazy like a fox, he (Barry Morse) has

Stup, crazy nice a rox, ne (parry riorse) has the good sense to use some of the fluid on a foto of himself—to make himself younger.

His wife, appalled at the change that has taken place in her own appearance, stumbles back

in the act of retouching his own foto and learns his astounding secret.

"Day by day I shall look younger and you shall grow older!" Moree gloats to his wife, Joan Hotchkiss. "The secret is here. in this fantastic It is his fatal mistake, revealing the source of

# his power, for-

obliterate-ball

The hag-faced wife gains control of the fluid, splashes a generous portion of it on a foto of her husband. Morse leaps from his chair— Snatches the picture of himself from his wife's

nance anas...

Looks desperately for something to wipe the amaging fluid from the foto.

Morse stumbles

falls to the floor slowly regains his feet. He clutches the foto of himself in panic.



Clay Madel side view looks the the Gill Men from the Black Lageon had climbed into the wrong ring and get his nose moshed by the Chemp.



Arranged on wooden beckground, the Face of Cley fearfully awaits the fateful moment when the meastro will drawn it in a many of planter.

# the wife's revenge

Like a witch gone mad, the wife cauches fiendishly at what she sees a moment before the spec-

A man with but half a face'
Not something scooped out, raw & bleeding
with white teeth gleaming in a ragged cavern of

red flesh; no, something more original, more subtly horrifying: half a face wiped out, blanked away, with no more features than a jellyfish! One single eve left, staring from its socket in

# the hulf of it

The final make-up job of removing 50% or

more of Morse's face was a real tough one. The major problem was to create the illusion that a large part of his face was "wiped clean". To effect this a mask had to be built out about half in inch farther than the actor's face so that the contours of the real nose could be camouflaged.

 The actor's own nose was taped down as flat as possible to his face.
 Flexible molding material was applied to Morse's face in order to make a mold of his

features.

3. From the mold, a plaster life-mask was

made.

4. On the life-mask I sculpted with modeling clay the new, the noseless face. It was either that or amputate, and Morse (I can't say that I blazze him) was not willing to put his nose in



The Return of the Blob? No, beneath that glob of plastery goo lies the ans-eyed Clay Face, waiting . . . waiting . . . tor release from its prisen.



The Plaster Mold complete, It has been turned upside-down se that the reader may view the interior of the Life Mask, which is now at the top.

Feem Lotex Mosh formed by the mold is exect duplicate at clay model. A talse system has been attached and facial mahe-up added to Final Mask.



a noise—not even to make news for FAMOUS MONSTERS! Well, we made our news another

# feat of clay

In order to project the level of Morse's face, I actually had to wrap his entire nese area in clay. I succeeded in "sinking" his nose without a trace but was then faced with a new problem:

His eye!

I couldn't use his real eye because it would now appear so deepset that, even the it was real, it wouldn't look realistic.

A glass eye! Mouth & chin of the mask were also built out

# how to remain sober while being plastered

Step 5: From the second model, the noseless

clay one, I cust a plaster mold.

Step 6: I took some foam latex, churned it up (around the house a bowl for beating eggs will serve this purpose satisfactorily) and gently

warmed the (frankly) sticky mess! 7. Having previously carefully cleaned away

all the clay from the life-mask and model, I now poured the whipped latex into the "negative"

8 I revshed the life-mask back into the mold. uniting the 2 pieces, the layer of latex inside. 9. I checked the latex periodically until I ob-

served that it had ielled. it is necessary to patiently give the latex the ready to remove from the mold and, with scissors, a knife or a razor blade, trim away the ex-

A word to you readers who want to experiment with make-ups involving rubber: You can't-repeat: can't-use greasepaint in

conjunction with anything made of rubber. Pancake make-up is no better. There is a special mixture made by Max Fac-

tor which can be ordered only from the Factor Studios in Hollywood, I usually use it myself.

# how dorian gray got that way

I have been hired by television to do the makeup for Oscar Wilde's wildest story. The details on the new version of THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY and the photos of the portraits and the life (and death) mask will appear

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# IN A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE!







WAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO DESIGN MAKE-UP LINE THE EXPERTS? Here's your chance to match skills with the Make-Up Maestres of Hellywood and TV fame. At left, the creator of the mask seen in THE MAGIC SWDRD. Center: TV artist DICK SMITH applies his masterpiece. At right: BILL TUTTLE, head of MGM's Makeup Dept., with mask used in the TIME MACHINE Your Make-

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The standard and the consored version of FRANKENSTEIN. The rare scene below shows the Monster throwing the little girl in the water in the mistaken notion that she, like the deisies, will floot.



view the original PRANKENSTEIN and recapture its initial impact. It's even less likely if they catch bits and paces of it and when the thorouse dandruid dedoctant commercials on a 21' tube. But in its day PRANKENSTEIN qualified as a true tale of terror. Its theme, "The Monster is loose", is still the basis of most so-called "science fiction" movies today. The first few somes of the sharabiling mountainty within the packwards or stumbling around the cattle convey a genuine sense of the un-

There are, or were originally, two versions of FRANKENSTEIN. In the one generally shown and currently revived on TV, the Monster befriends a little girl on a river bank and watches ber tous flowers



Behind the gazze, the invisible head of Cleude Rains in the James Whale-directed production of HGWells' THE INVISIBLE MAN in 1933.

into the water, petal by petal. There is an abrupt cutaway from the scene and when next we see the girl she is dead, being carried into town by her stunned father.

#### The Unseen Frankenstein

In the banned version, the flower-tossing episode is continued and the Monster, not out of cruelfy but merely thru confusion, picks up the child and tosses her into the water. He is too ignorant to understand; if the pretty petals looked even prettier



Ose of the "menimels" created on THE ISLAND OF LOST SOULS by Dr. Merceu in the Peremount preduction of 1922 from stery by MGWells, script by Philip

THE MASK OF FU MANCHU (1932) with Berls Kerloff





THE CAT AND THE CANARY, filmed 3 years earlier.







One of the word men of the half-warld of SIEGFRIED, the fritz Lang classic of 1923 that obsclutely enthrolled your editor some years before he turned a teanager.

when they floated, why not a pretty girl?
The censors thought otherwise, apparently. They would rather cut the scene and leave the far more ghastly inference. The

leave the far more ghastly inference. The true horror is thus discarded in favor of a sordid situation immediately identifiable hy the newspaper-reading public.

# They done Our Kong Wrong . . .

In KING KONG, another genuine all-out borror fantsay, there is a sceene where the giant aps, loose in New York, holds the squirming body of a masn botween his ingue teeth. The censors left this alone but they removed a sceene where the same ape picks away at the heroine's garments out of mere curiosity.

They also eliminated the scene where Kong, searching for the heroine, plucks a girl from her hotel room and then, realizing he has made a mistake, drops her to the street below. Grussome? Yea, but it is, after all, a horror movie. (In this case, of course,

Active tableau in WHITE ZOMBIE, the 1932 production which Bela Lugasi once teld your editor he cauldn't bear to worth an television because it always reminded him that he had played the rale for







scene from the immortal METROPOLIS.

the horror lies in the utter casualness with which Kong drops her). And I can't quite comprehend why a censor would scissor this out and retain the graphic close-up of a man screaming between the clanched testh of a 60 zorilla.

The same film contained a sequence where members of the exploring party are esten by a sea-measter and dashed to death in a chasm. The chasm scene conclusion, where some of them are devoured by giant spiders, was accised. (It would seem that the capricious censors are also dieticians; sea-monsters can eat men but spiders can-

To Be Concluded Next Issue—wherein you will read what Mr. Bloch has to say about Bors Karioff & Lon Chaney Jr., Bela Lugosi & Peter Lorre, DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE. THE CAT PEOPLE, DEAD OF NIGHT, DIABOLIQUE, THE THING, THE UNINVITED and the weird episode in THREE CASES OF MURDER. #MD.

If you think FM invented corny coptions, how about this one which accompanied this foto from









# THE MASK

Kong Feelen, the Chinese philesopher whom many yes, ass cale." One picture worth 10,000 tork." In this picturial coverage of THE MASS is here chances, institud of revision, to give yes a phesigraphic operatorist of 15,000 worth bolius make-ups & special offects are the unkar of Siarke Yorkanich, Herman Tewaning & mrid Balles. A Worner Brez release of a Ball macharter remoderies.







Witch Waman & Flame Fingers

Three Messengers of Death





Going from Rogs to Rituols?



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# YOU AXED FOR IT!

DR. ACULA periodically apons his Special Portfalio — the rare selection of stills he was able to rescue when he had to hastily leave Transylvanie — and shares his ancestro treasures with FM readers who send in their requests.



Stolen Robot Pix which were to have been part of the Feature Article last issue on Automatons.

Comical comet-tail visitor Robot from Outer Space in AND THE BIG COMET. is Swedish ideo of JOHNNY VENGMAN







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